

SECRET CONFERENCE HELD ON STRIKE PLANS Employers Meet High Officials

Second Blondin Fell To Death

St. Paul, Minnesota, Aug. 26.
Twenty thousand State Fair spectators, including his wife, watched while high wire acrobat "Lionel" Blondin, plunged 20 feet to death from a sky-riding bridge.
He was the grandson of the famous Blondin who more than 50 years ago crossed a tight rope over Niagara Falls.
He had finished his act and was preparing to descend when he fell.—United Press.

Clamor For Macao Dies Down

Shanghai, Aug. 26.
Generalissimo Chiang Kai-shek's order to Canton newspapers and the Kwangtung Provincial Council to halt agitation for the return of Macao to China has damped the clamour for retrocession of the Portuguese colony on the South China coast.

"Now is not the time and any agitation would cause laughter," the Chinese Generalissimo was reported to have told the Cantonese.

The informants said the movement for the return of Macao, which was started and fanned along by members of the Provincial Council and backed by the Chinese press, was not taken seriously from the start.

A further meeting will be held on Thursday for a final decision.

All branches of workers of the Hong Kong Tramway Co. held a secret meeting on Monday night, reportedly to decide on presenting a \$2 a day pay increase at the appropriate moment.

Utilities

Last night workers of the Hong Kong Electric Co. met reportedly for the same purpose.

It was reported the step was approved in principle and it is just a question as to when is the psychological moment.

Workers of the Hong Kong Telephone Co. are scheduled to meet on Thursday night.

These meetings of utility workers, coming as they in in

MAN FOUND DEAD IN STANLEY CELL

San Francisco, Aug. 26.
The first green tea to arrive in the United States since the war came into San Francisco aboard the President Madison on Monday from Shimonoseki, Japanese tea port.

The consignment of 4,750 cases was purchased by several American tea importers.—Associated Press.

Why Adjeng Was The Hangman

Batavia, Aug. 26.
A self-confessed murderer, by name of Adjeng, tonight told a press conference that he had committed murder against his "enemies" because President Sukarno in his radio speech proclaiming the Indonesian Republic on August 17, 1945, had said the enemies should be killed, according to the Dutch news agency ANETA.

Adjeng said he had murdered "spies" irrespective of their race with sword, pistol or knife.

He could not remember the exact date.

A small gang of which he was second in command called him the "hangman" because when they considered spies were taken from their houses, at Batavia and other places, Adjeng delivered the verdict of whether they must be killed or other action was to be taken.

He did not reveal what other action was but gave the impression that the fate of the victims was generally death.

Originally, Adjeng was a musician in a local krontjong (native band) orchestra. He was born in Buitenzorg, near Batavia, and is 32 years old. He was arrested 10 days ago by the Dutch military on information from Batavians who knew him in the old days.—United Press.

FILM MAN HELD AFTER TRAIN CRASH IN BERLIN

Berlin, Aug. 26.
A train fire fatal to 27 persons brought the arrest of a film operator on Monday on charges of violating regulations concerning the transport of film.

More than 40 passengers were scalded as the flames swept an over-crowded coach. The fire occurred on Saturday on a suburban train in the Russian zone, north of Berlin.—Associated Press.

Adjeng himself was beaten on the head and body.

He had to take shelter in the Town Hall and was refused entry by the Vice Mayor.

Finally he entered a neighbouring house where he hid behind locked doors for an hour and a half before he was able to leave.

A physician said Adjeng was suffering from head and body bruises as a result of being beaten with heavy instruments but is not in a serious condition.—United Press.

Hungarian Liberty Leader Beaten Up

Budapest, Aug. 26.
The Hungarian Independence Party announced today that its leader (Zoltan Pfeiffer) was beaten up by Communists at the Chongrad campaign meeting yesterday.

When a United Press correspondent visited Pfeiffer at his home today, he lay in a darkened room.

He opened one eye for a moment and closed it as if in pain.

The crowd, allegedly responsible for the assault, were armed with bicycle pumps, drills and shovels.

A statement issued by the In-

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Filipino Huks "Linked" With Chinese Reds

Manila, Aug. 26.
The Manila "Evening News" today reported that definite evidence linking the Huks (armed peasant movement) with the Chinese Communist movement in China has been furnished by a Chinese who formerly held the rank of Colonel in the dissident forces.

The Colonel, whose name was not released "for security reasons," was said to have supplied the Department of the Interior with names of leaders among a group of 400 active Chinese Communists operating in Manila and the Central Luzon Provinces.

The informant, who returned from Nanking where he attended the National Assembly, said pictures of the Huks leader, Luis Taruc, and Huks literature were being circulated regularly in Communist papers in China.

London, Aug. 25.
Promoter Jack Solomons announced today that he had signed Dado Marino of Belfast and Rinty Monaghan of Belfast for the world's flyweight title fight on September 13 in Dublin. Sam Ichinoe, manager of Marino, signed today after extended negotiations.—United Press.

New reports of clashes be-

tween the Huks and MPs continued to stream into the Department of the Interior G.H.Q.

Latest reports told of a gun battle with a band of dissidents under "Sanchez" in the Pampanga province, birthplace of the anti-Government movement.

Another band, under "Star Polo," was dispersed by the MPs.

A gun fight involved about 300 Huks and the 86th MP Company in an outlying village in Rizal, about 95 miles north of Manila.—Associated Press.

Birth of China Moves To Settle Housing Claims In Shanghai

Nanking, Aug. 26.

The Executive Yuan has taken action on the long-standing request of American and British property-owners in Shanghai to evict illegal occupants of American and British property. The announcement said that an order was issued on July 23, which asked trespassers to move by today—"failing which they shall be held responsible for disobedience to this order."

Many British and Americans were unable to occupy their own property since the end of the war because of illegal occupants, in many cases by Chinese Army personnel who refuse to move out.

The order did not state how Army personnel would be held responsible but presumably the owners can bring legal proceedings.

The Executive Yuan today also decided to collect a two percent surcharge on China Coast as well as Yangtze shipping.

The proceeds will be given to Kwangtung and Kwangsi flood relief.

As a kind of economy offset, the Central Government decided to enforce summer time until October 31 to conserve electric power in line with the national thrift movement.

(Along the China Coast summer time is nine hours ahead of GMT.)

Chefoo Push?

Meanwhile, a high Government source, in a position to know National military strategy, told Associated Press today a plan has been made to land troops on Chefoo and Lungtow from Chinese warships, already blocking those ports, as soon as a force driving into the Shantung Peninsula from the west approached the area.

This source said National troops from Tsingtao had already entered the district of Laiyang, midway between Tsingtao and Chefoo.

Chefoo has become the Reds' most important base in eastern Shantung.

Report

Other despatches say that, after completing its Korean visit, the Wedemeyer Mission will fly from Japan to Hawaii where they expect to spend at least a week at a mountain "white-out," preparing their report to President Truman.

Two days after General Wedemeyer left from Nanking, leaving behind a highly critical report of what he had found, there is no official reaction from the Chinese Government.

Among individual officials reaction ranged from the belief that the criticism presented a stirring challenge to China to dig

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GUNMAN MISSED OUT IN FIGHT WITH POLICE

Twelve years' imprisonment with hard labour and 20 strokes of the cane was the sentence passed by Mr. Justice E. H. Williams (Puisne Judge) on To Ming-fai alias To Lau, at the Criminal Sessions yesterday.

To Ming-fai, alias To Lau, who of arms and ammunition, was had already pleaded guilty to found not guilty and discharged.

"Breezes"

The closing address by Mr. Bernacchi, who appeared for Wong Lau, was punctuated with frequent "breezes" between himself and Mr. Clifford, Crown Counsel, it being the contention of Mr. Bernacchi that Mr. Clifford had no right to interrupt him in the middle of his address.

The case for the Crown was conducted by Mr. A.J. Clifford, assisted by D.S.I. Downey.

The third accused was represented by Mr. B.A. Bernacchi instructed by Mr. Sidney Ng Quinn, while the other accused were not legally represented.

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Tattoo Man Took Poison In Cell

London, Aug. 26. Police officials said on Monday that John Henry Cole, the "Tattooed Man" charged with rape and robbery, during investigation of a series of after dark attacks on London girls, had taken poison in his cell and was too ill to appear for trial.

Disclosure of the poison attempt came in Greenwich court where the 28-year-old electrician was due to appear on a charge of raping and robbing a Lewis girl.

When Cole's name was called for trial, Chief Inspector Robert Fabian told the Magistrate, Mr. Maddocks, that Cole was found ill in his cell at 0430 on Monday and that he was "suffering from the effect of taking some drug."

The police said that Cole appeared to be recovering.—Associated Press.

Personalia

The Commander-in-Chief leaves Hong Kong in H.M.S. "Alert" today to visit Tientsin, Korea and Japan and is expected back in Hong Kong on September 23.

The following passengers arrived on Sunday by BOAC Speedbird flying-boat from the United Kingdom and intermediate ports: Messrs. J.L. Kay, H. Spencer-Cook, D.L. Robertson, W.A. Isaacson, A. Wakeford, R.H. Murphy, J. Hunter, R. Goldsmith, V.A. Brusselow, B.E. Bucan, Croftie, Father T.S. Ryan, Miss T.B. Hawkins, Miss F.L. Davis, Mr. and Mrs. J.S. Cavanagh and Mrs. Lo Yuting.

Mr. W.K. Wu, a fisheries officer from Hong Kong, who has been in England, sponsored by the Horace Plunkett Foundation, to undertake a course of study of the Cooperative Movement, has completed his course, and is on his way back to Hong Kong in the "Empress of Scotland."

His studies have taken him to Norway, Sweden and Denmark to every part of the British Isles and to Iceland. He has been to all the famous fishing ports such as Grimsby and Aberdeen, and has had experience of life on North Sea trawlers.

The Secretary of State for Colonies announces that Lord Treffgarne (formerly Mr. G.M. Carro-Jones, M.P.) has accepted his invitation to become Chairman of the Colonial Development Corporation when it is formally constituted.

Sir Frank Stockdale has accepted an invitation to become Deputy Chairman. These appointments are provisional pending the passing of the necessary legislation for the establishment of the Corporation, but they are announced at once so that further preliminary work may be undertaken on the urgent tasks awaiting the Corporation. Other appointments are under consideration.

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"Slap-Happy" Was Hanged At Dawn

"Slap Happy" was hanged at dawn yesterday in Stanley Prison.

Inouye Kanao, 30-year-old Japanese, was twice sentenced to death—first by a War Crimes Tribunal and again by Supreme Court, Chief Justice Sir Henry Blackall, for treason.

The first death sentence was quashed after it was found that "Slap Happy" was a Canadian subject.

On May 27, Full Court rejected Inouye's appeal against the death penalty, and on August 11 it ruled that it had no jurisdiction to hear his application for leave to appeal to the Privy Council.

Inouye was nicknamed "Slap Happy" by internees in the Shamshui Po camp during the war.

He faced a War Crimes Tribunal on three charges of violating the laws and usages of war, assaulting POWs, and ill-treating civilian residents under arrest (resulting in the death of three persons and physical suffering to many others).

A verdict of judicial hanging was recorded at the inquest yesterday into Inouye's death.

MARINE COURT CONSIDERS "THE CASE OF THE ORANGES"

A special session of the Marine Court was held yesterday afternoon to hear a charge of disobedience to a lawful command at sea, made by Captain William Douglas Wilson, master of the Victualling Store Issuing Ship "Fort Beauharnois," against the Refrigerating Engineer J. Meyer.

The charge was that the defendant, on August 5, at Kure, (Japan) disobeyed a command given to him by his superior, Chief Engineer Robert Paterson.

He entered the Refrigerating Chamber No. 3 of the vessel without the knowledge and permission of the Victualling Store Officer.

The Court was presided over by Marine Magistrate Neil Garland, Captain Wilson was represented by Mr. E.D. Evans and Mr. A.S.C. Coombes, appeared for defendant.

The proceedings opened with legal arguments by counsel on whether the Court had jurisdiction in the case under the Merchant Shipping Act 1894 and the Hong Kong Merchant Shipping Ordinance.

The Court eventually ruled that it had jurisdiction.

Captain's Story

Captain Wilson said that a report was made to him on August 5, while the ship was at Kure.

He held an enquiry the next day in his room when the Chief Engineer, the Victualling Store Officer, the Stowhouseman and Meyer were present.

The report was that Meyer had, without permission, entered Chamber No. 3.

Meyer admitted he had been into the chamber; but he said he went in to switch out the light.

When he was told the switch was outside the door, he made no reply.

A log entry of the enquiry was then read out in which Meyer was said to have left the chamber with a couple of oranges in his pocket.

He was surprised and questioned the Chinese seamen.

As a result of what he was told, he made a report to his superior.

Mr. Chong, seaman, said he was in Harris' working party.

During tea break he saw Meyer enter through the door of No. 2 hold to the refrigerating chamber.

Meyer was out of his sight for six or seven minutes. When Meyer came out again, both his pants pocket and his hip pocket were bulging and he could see at least two oranges.

The Court adjourned to 2.30 p.m. this afternoon.

Obituary

Mr. Aaron ("Jimmy") Landau

Mr. Aaron Landau, better known as "Jimmy," of Jimmy's kitchen, died at the Queen Mary Hospital yesterday, where he had been seriously ill for two or three weeks.

"Jimmy" was 77 years of age and maintained an active interest in his business up to the time of his last illness.

He resided in Hong Kong and the Far East for more than 40 years.

He was tortured and imprisoned by the Japanese during the Occupation.

He was one of the oldest members of Lodge St. John, S.C., and a generous contributor to charitable appeals.

His widow, two sons, Leo and Emile, and a daughter, Mrs. R.O. Houghes, survive him.

Wedding

Runyon—Price

Miss Barbara Price, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Ernest B. Price, and Mr. E. Runyon, son of Mr. and Mrs. Earl C. Runyon, of Plains City, Ohio, were married by special licence in the Cathedral yesterday afternoon. Dean Rose officiated.

A reception was held in the American Club. The honeymoon will be spent in Amoy.

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Seven-Day Service Gate Crashed

Gate crashing was the order of the evening for a record crowd, estimated at 60,000, which streamed into the South China Athletic Association Ground at Caroline Hill to see the Fireworks Display and Ceremony of Special Communal Worship for World Dead, held under the auspices of The Tung Wah Group of Hospitals.

His Excellency the Governor, Sir Alexander Grantham, and Lady Grantham and other distinguished guests attended the display and were accommodated on the centre of the playing field.

Chief Buddhist Abbot Hui Wan was introduced to His Excellency the Governor and party.

The crowd, impatient to gain

admission to the grounds, repeatedly rushed the gates, which were forced open, despite the efforts of a handful of policemen and ground officials.

W-men and children, who were

forced forward by the surging

crowds, were pushed to the ground

and partly trampled on.

Many children, separated from

their elders in the mad rush,

started screaming with fright and

added to the general noise and

confusion.

Fences were torn down and the

crowd swarmed into the

ground from different points.

One of the gate officials estimated that no less than \$25,000 in

gate money was lost as a result

of the gate crashing.

Thousands of eager sightseers

also swarmed the slopes of Caro-

line Hill and as they groped about

in the dark with the aid of torches and lighted matches, they gave

the impression of glow worms on

the march.

The Grounds

The grounds were brightly lit for the occasion and the huge Chinese Memorial Arch, built over the main entrance, as well as the miniature pagoda, presented a picturesque sight.

The fireworks display, which commenced after the arrival of His Excellency the Governor and Lady Grantham, was one of the best displays ever to be seen in Hong Kong and was very favourably commented upon by all present.

His Excellency and party left shortly after 10 p.m.

Those Present

Among those present at the opening were Mr. and Mrs. Alexander Grantham, Mr. Justice E.H. Williams and Mrs. Williams, Mr. Justice T.J. Gould and Mrs. Gould, Mr. D.M. McDonnell, Mr. T. Murray, Mr. and Mrs. D.C.K. Hawkins, Mr. and Mrs. H.J. Cutwell, Mr. J.H. Lightbody, Mr. and Mrs. Chung Kien-pui, Mr. and Mrs. F.H. Fell, Sir Robert Ho Tung, Sir Alexander H. Yip, Mr. Q.A.A. Marsden, Major H. Chauvin, Mr. K. Baker, Mr. and Mrs. K.M.A. Barnett, Mr. M. H. Hirst, Mr. and Mrs. V. Kenil, Mr. J.H. Bottemey, Dr. and Mrs. J.P. Phillips, Mr. and Mrs. P. Sedgwick, Mr. and Mrs. A.G. Clarke, Dr. I. Newton, Mr. and Mrs. W. Mc. Smith, Mr. and Mrs. E.J. Wynne-Jones, Commander J.H. Trevor, Dr. and Mrs. G.H. Thomas, Mr. D.F. Lonsdale, Mr. and Mrs. Leo d'Almeida Castro, Mr. H. Ho, Mr. and Mrs. M.M. Watson, Mr. A. Morris, Mr. J.A.D. Morris, Mr. Y.F. Law, Mr. H. Wan, Mr. Lee Ming-chak and Mr. J. Cater.

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Mrs. Mann to the defendant monthly.

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JEWISH LEADERS SOUND DIRE DISTRESS CALL

Truce Called In Egypt

CAIRO, AUG. 25.—LEADERS OF EGYPT'S MAIN POLITICAL PARTIES AND ORGANIZATIONS TODAY AGREED TO PRESERVE PEACE AND CALL OFF DEMONSTRATIONS AGAINST THE CURRENT UNITED NATIONS SECURITY COUNCIL. DISCUSSIONS ON EGYPT.

The leaders, who met the Acting Premier, Khashaba Pasha, in a four-hour session, reserved the right to call off the agreement if the Security Council's decision goes against Egypt aspirations.

Hassan El Banna, Muslim Brotherhood leader, promised to call off the Brotherhood demonstration scheduled for tomorrow.

Banna urged the Premier, Nokrashy Pasha, warning that the Brotherhood will go into action "if the Council acts against Egypt's independence."

Khashaba is to broadcast to the nation tonight to read a message from Banna and other leaders asking the people to remain quiet at present.—United Press.

Sharp Rebuke To Russians In Korea

Seoul, Aug. 25.—Advice to the Soviet delegation to the United States-Russian Commission on Korea to "avoid entanglement in Korean politics, particularly in support of parties hostile to the United States," was given today by Major-General Albert E. Brown, the chief American Commissioner.

Commenting on the objection raised by the Soviet delegation to the mass arrests of alleged "revolutionaries" in South Korea, General Brown declared that while the Soviets are the guests of the South Korean Government, they should "follow the normal dictates of common courtesy".

He said that the Americans would join with the Soviets in requesting the release of any individual needed by the Joint Committee for consultation, and added: "The American delegation also expects the Soviet delegation will join with it in producing certain individuals now under arrest in North Korea whom the American delegation is most anxious to consult."

General Brown declared that the Russians were attempting to "create a smokescreen to cover their blunder in refusing broad consultations."—Reuter.

London, Aug. 25.—Jews in many parts of the world were tonight obeying the "dire distress" call, sounded in Palestine, on the Shofar—biblical ram's horn—to begin a dawn to dusk fast. The call was for a display of sympathy for the 4,400 Jewish refugees now on their way to Germany from the south of France and Palestine.

Beth Din, the ecclesiastical court of the Chief Rabbi in London, tonight decreed that Jews throughout the British Commonwealth and the Empire should observe Thursday next as a day of prayer and fasting.

The difference in date is because of the time taken to make the Beth Din decision known in the Dominions, and in the colonies, all of which come under the court's jurisdiction.

Forty-five thousand Jews in the north of England, fasting today in response to local decision, will be asked to do so again on Thursday to make the occasion nation-wide.

The court expects a high proportion of Britain's 360,000 Jews to go without food or drink from dawn till dusk on Thursday.

Jerusalem, cinemas and all places of entertainment were closing down.

Thousands flocked to the synagogues.

Hunger Strike

From Berlin came the news that Jewish relief and welfare centres in all sectors of the city responded to the appeal and a "sit-down" hunger strike in all offices and works.

Jewish illegal immigrants held in camps in Cyprus were participating in a 24-hour hunger strike to protest against the deportation of the immigrants.

A Reuter despatch from Kyrenia said that the Jews in the Cyprus camps are carrying out the hunger strike in an orderly manner, and that the Jews accepted their rations this morning, but it was understood that these would not be distributed until this evening.—Reuter.

Appeal For Free Thought

Jerusalem, Aug. 25.—The Palestine Journalists Association today petitioned Sir Alan Cunningham, High Commissioner in Palestine, for the release of Jewish journalists detained at Latroun on grounds of Revisionist Party membership.

The petition said: "These detentions have struck against freedom of thought and expression in Palestine" and urged that detainees should either be prosecuted on specific charges or immediately released.

The Revisionist daily, Hamashuk, with nine staff members detained, reported that the newspaper had more newsmen behind barbed wire than in the office.—United Press.

Mr. Bevin: Doubt About New York Trip

London, Aug. 25.—Two factors will decide whether the Foreign Minister, Mr. Ernest Bevin, will personally attend the United Nations General Assembly meeting at Lake Success on September 16, as assumed with increasing frequency in despatches from Washington and New York.

They are the development of Britain's internal economic and governmental crises, and the possibility of a New York meeting of the Foreign Ministers of the United States, Britain, France and the Soviet Union.

It was arranged at the close of the Moscow meeting of the Big Four that a short meeting between them might be held in the United States if all four powers attended the General Assembly and if circumstances demanded a preliminary to the November meeting of the Council of Foreign Ministers in London.

"JANE"



WEDEMEYER PROVES A GREAT DISAPPOINTMENT

Nanking, Aug. 25.—Lt.-Gen. Wedemeyer's sharp criticism of the present government of China appeared today to have greatly lessened his chances of becoming the next Ambassador to Nanking—a speculation which had been revived from time to time since the end of the war.

From Gen. Wedemeyer's arrival, there were almost daily predictions in Nanking that Gen. Wedemeyer would be appointed Ambassador to implement a changed United States policy toward China. Observers believe Gen. Wedemeyer did not accept the post since he believed China would not welcome the appointment since he appeared to have changed from the time when he was considered a staunch friend of the Kuomintang.

Chinese circles recalled that Gen. Wedemeyer in replacing Gen. Joseph Stilwell applied a salve to bruises inflicted on the Chinese Government by the crusty jungle fighter, and this was hailed as the best possible omen.

The general belief now is that Gen. Wedemeyer is as severe a critic of the Kuomintang as Gen. Stilwell himself and Chinese officials from the Generalissimo down appear stunned by his reversal.

The shock is largely due to the fact that most Chinese—and many foreigners as well—suspected initially that Gen. Wedemeyer was not on a "fact finding" mission. The fact-finding aspect was seriously interpreted as a prelude to an announcement of an aid policy already decided in Washington or as a smoke screen for new negotiations with the Chinese Government.

As it became clear that Gen. Wedemeyer was really searching for facts, and was not entirely pleased with what he found, Chinese enthusiasm began to cool markedly.

Gen. Wedemeyer's letter to a group of Chinese students rapping them for seeking to go abroad instead of remaining at home to aid their country was regarded as a straw in the wind. His pre-departure statement was in Chinese eyes not a straw, but a brickbat.

PEACE TREATY RATIFIED

Sofia, Aug. 25.—The Bulgarian National Assembly today unanimously ratified the Bulgarian peace treaty with the Allies and associated powers.

A motion for approval was put to the Assembly by the Deputy Prime Minister, M. Georgiev, who expressed the nation's grief at its "unjust heavy political reparations, restrictions and economic clauses."—Reuter.

He said they were given chess boards and Soviet GIs taught them to play but their captivity still was "pretty boring."

Army authorities said no disciplinary action was expected to be taken against the soldiers despite their fears.—United Press.

Union Ban Lifted

Brisbane, Aug. 25.—The Dutch freighter Grootekerk, (7,639 tons) which left Brisbane on July 30 without unloading because of a Union ban arising from the Indonesia conflict, returned to Brisbane yesterday after a 26-day journey of 8,000 miles.

On the lifting of the Union ban the Grootekerk was recalled when she was three-quarters of the way to Colombo, Ceylon, on her homeward journey to Holland. She had left Brisbane with her cargo still aboard because workers refused to give an undertaking to reload her.

An Australian Union ban on servicing Dutch aircraft was lifted yesterday when one of three Dutch Air Force Dakotas took off from Brisbane for Batavia, with 16 Australian wives of Dutch troops.

After the Union ban, the Royal Australian Air Force temporarily refused to supply petrol for the plane. However, it flew to Charters, Queensland, and refuelled there from Dutch stocks. Passengers and crew refused to say if the sufficient petrol was obtained.—Reuter.

London, Aug. 25.—A fortune teller, Florence Baker, made no comment in court today when the illness of two policewomen, who were to testify against her, forced a postponement of the hearing for two weeks.—United Press.

"No War Danger"

A though the adults were largely restricted to cages forward, the children still had the run of the after decks and played and sang merrily in the bright sunshiny.

It was learned that the fleet will berth at a detached mole inside the Admiralty Harbour

at Gibraltar when they arrive there early tomorrow morning. The ships will then go to the north mole for bunkering, and are expected to leave again immediately, after coaling and provisioning.

Nobody will be allowed on board while the transports are coaling, although it was learned that the naval authorities had said that pressmen would be allowed on the ships at the discretion of their captains, after production of their press cards to the police authorities.—Reuter.

NAZI ACCUSED TRIES SUICIDE

Nuremberg, Aug. 25.—Dr. Kurt Rothenberger, 51-year-old former Deputy President of the Academy of Nazi German law, now on trial with other Nazi lawyers for crimes against humanity, attempted to commit suicide in his cell in Nuremberg prison early today.

He severed an artery of his left hand with a razor smuggled into the cell and was rushed to hospital. He is now out of danger.—Reuter.

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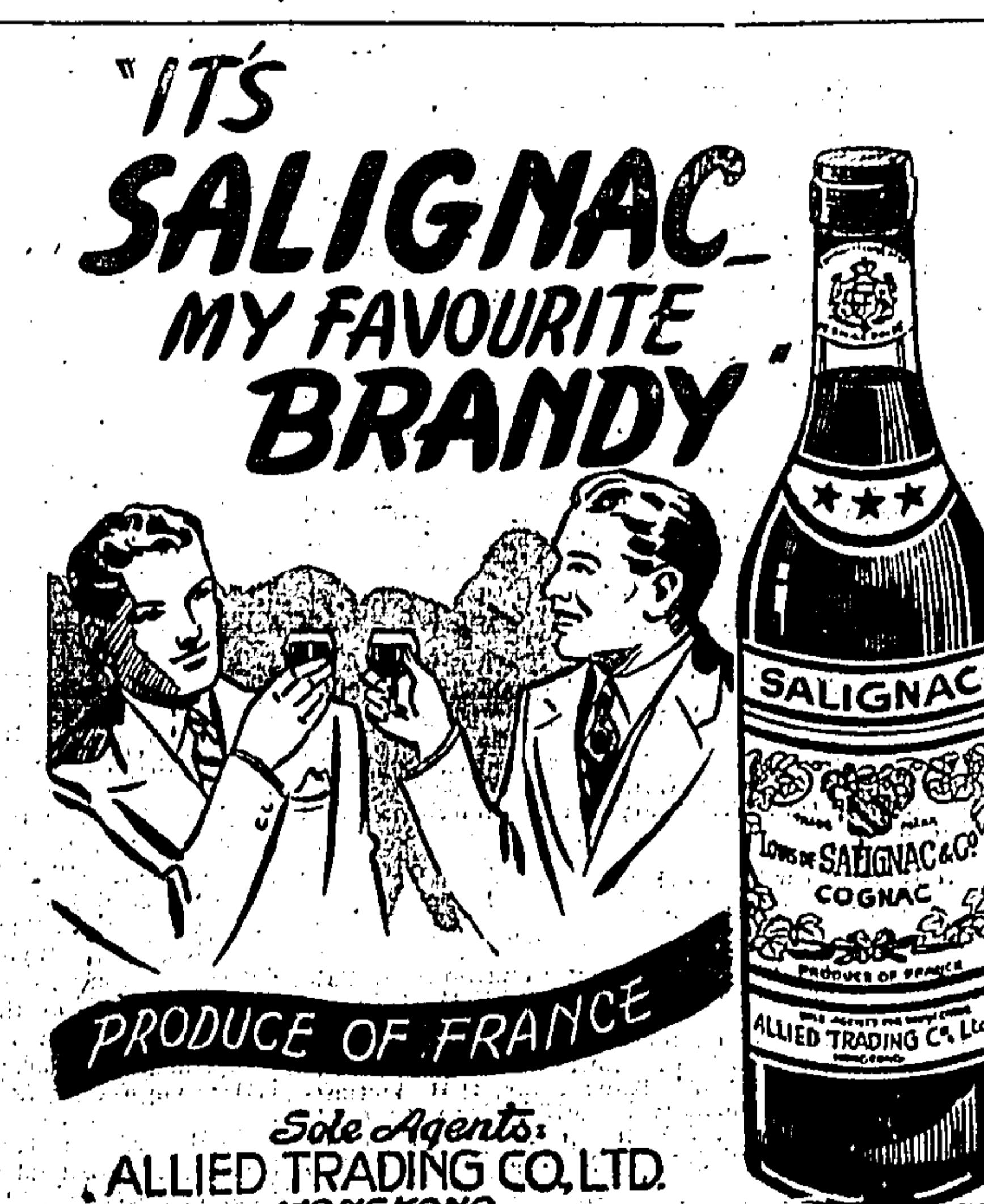
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PUBLIC AUCTION

BY ORDER OF THE DIRECTOR OF DISPOSALS FAR EASTERN AREA (M.O.S.) Messrs. Lammert Brothers of Pedder Building, Hong Kong, have received instructions to sell by Auction at their Sales Rooms, Pedder Building, Basement, at 10.00 a.m. on Wednesday, the 27th, August 1947.

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Inspection of Stores at R.A.F. Disposal Site, 393 Equipment Park, Maukok Road, Kowloon can be made between the hours of 9 a.m. and 1 p.m. on the 25th and 26th, August, 1947.

Terms: 50% of the Purchase Money to be paid on the Fall of the Hammer and the Balance to paid on Thursday, the 23rd, August 1947.

WALTER M. WEINBERGER,
Chairman,
BRITISH STORES DISPOSAL BOARD,
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PUBLIC AUCTION

The Undersigned has received instruction from the Custodian of Property to sell by Public Auction, commencing at 10 a.m. on THURSDAY, the 28th August, 1947, at —

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The abovementioned articles will be open for inspection at their respective godowns on 26th and 27th August, 1947, between 10 a.m. and noon and between 2 p.m. and 4 p.m. Inspection permits will be issued by the Undersigned at the Service Auction Rooms.

The Auction is subject to the Conditions of Sale published in the Hong Kong (British Military Administration) Gazette Volume 2, No. 12, of 9th March, 1946.

A.E.B. DE SOUSA,
Auctioneer.

Hong Kong, 19th August, 1947.

LAMMERT BROS

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PUBLIC AUCTION

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BY ORDER
OF THE DIRECTOR OF
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(M.O.S.)

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S. GROVE,
Secretary.

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3 Ladies Were In His Life

Three ladies entered the life of Tam Sang, 22, at 12 noon on Aug. 25. The result was he was sentenced to nine months' gaol, plus ten strokes of the cane from Mr. W. H. Latimer at Kowloon yesterday.

According to Inspector J. Oren, Tam followed Mrs. E. Xavier in Austin Road near Austin Avenue. She was wearing a gold chain to which was attached a gold cross.

Tam went up to Mrs. Xavier from behind and pulled the chain and cross off her neck, breaking the chain in the process.

He tried to escape but Mrs. Rose and Mrs. Farla, who were nearby and heard Mrs. Xavier's cries, promptly crossed Tam's path and held on to him.

Larceny By Trick

Convicted of larceny by trick, Lee Choi, 42, unemployed, was sentenced to six months' imprisonment and recommended for banishment by Mr. F. X. d'Almada yesterday.

Prosecuting Inspector Brownrigg stated that at about 1.30 p.m. on August 19, Mrs. Thomas Tam was driving her car along Des Voeux Road Central and came to a stop alongside the curb.

She was accosted by Lee, who asked her if she was going to Tsim Sha Tsui, to which Mrs. Thomas Tam replied, "No." As she turned her head to make the reply, two other persons snatched her handbag from the left side seat of her car.

The bag contained \$160, a gold bangle, one Biro pen and various other articles.

The following day, Mrs. Tam received a letter in Chinese containing her driving licence and loss papers.

About 10.00 a.m. on August 25, Lee was seen by Mrs. search for his confederates

2 MEN WANTED TO RENT LAND FOR A HUT

Ma Kam-shun (29), unemployed, and Choi Fan, 29-year-old firewood dealer, both residing at 128 Tam Kung Road, ground floor, wanted to rent a piece of ground, registered as Kowloon Inland Lot 2305, for the purpose of erecting a hut.

Hui Sai-hing, 40, broker, got to hear about it.

He promptly approached Ma and told him that he was in a position to obtain the ground.

Negotiations were commenced and, after some haggling, an agreement was reached that Ma should pay Hui \$25 an annual rent for the land, \$30 for "incidence," and \$25 for the plans of the hut.

"Success"

When Choi got to hear of his friend's "success," he asked to be introduced to Hui.

He also arrived at an agreement with broker Hui whereby he paid \$75 for rent, \$75 for "incidence," and \$13 for the plans of the hut.

Hui gave both men a "receipt," Ma and Choi began to lay the piece of land, preparatory to erecting the huts.

Imagine their indignation when the bona fide lessee asked them what they were doing on his land.

Ma and Choi set out in search of their "benefactor" and found Hui in Kowloon City.

After they had given vent to their feelings, they hauled Hui to the Kowloon City Police Station.

The facts were related to Mr. W. A. Blair-Kerr by Detective Sub-Inspector H. T. Maches yesterday when he charged Hui with obtaining by false pretence \$80 from Ma and \$163 from Choi.

Hui received concurrent sentences of six months' hard labour on each charge.

Thomas Tam in Queen's Road Central. A policeman was summoned and defendant, was arrested.

None of the property had been recovered and defendant gave the police no assistance in the search for his confederates

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Drive On Kai Tak Thefts

"I intend to take a very serious view of cases of larceny from Kai Tak Airfield," Mr. W. A. Blair-Kerr said at Kai Tak yesterday.

He imposed the maximum sentence of two years' hard labour on Hau Kam-chuen on charges of store-breaking and larceny from HMS "Flynchey."

Wong Kau, 36, was sent down for eight months' hard labour on a recycling charge.

It was stated by Detective Inspector Kenneth C.Y. Shu that first defendant broke into a storeroom between midnight, Aug. 18, and 8 a.m. the following day, and stole an electric fan and a box of tools.

When arrested at 9.00 p.m. on Aug. 22 by PCC 733, Hau took the Police to a tenement at 38 Nga Tsin Wai Road where he pointed out second accused as the man who bought the fan from him.

Wong, in turn, took the Police to the Sling Kwong Electric Shop where the fan was found.

Money Market

Gold continued its spiral yesterday and touched \$398 a tael after opening at \$375. Towards the close it eased off to \$377.

Plastics, after opening at \$15.10 a 100, fell back to \$14.47 1/2. It recovered to \$14.52 1/2 at the close.

Chinese National Currency lost its firmness for the first time in a week, reportedly due to the Wedemeyer statement.

It fell back to 12.95 cents for futures and 14 cents for spot (for C.N.S. \$1.00).

U.S. dollars took the market by surprise by jumping to \$5.40. The closing rate the previous day was \$5.17.

Sterling on the other hand made a big all-back to \$13.50. Australian pounds were unchanged at \$12.63.

RADIO

ZBWB Hong Kong broadcasting on a frequency of 945 kilocycles from 12.30 to 2.00 p.m., and 6.30 to 11.00 p.m., and also on 9.52 megacycles in the 31 metre band from 12.30 to 1.15, 7.30 to 8.30 and 9.15 to 11.00 p.m. H.K.T.

12.30 p.m.—Daily Programme Summary.

12.32 p.m.—Duke Ellington and His Orchestra.

12.47 p.m.—"The Field" (Comedienne).

1.00 p.m.—"News Weather Report and Announcements."

1.10 p.m.—Orchestral Interlude.

1.15 p.m.—Harold Williams (Baritone) and the B.B.C. Male Chorus.

1.35 p.m.—B.B.C. Transcription Service.

2.05 p.m.—"Close Down."

2.06 p.m.—"London Children's Half-Hour."

2.30 p.m.—"London Pictures" (Orchestra and Rudy Statler (Saxophone).

2.30 p.m.—"Music Time."

2.30 p.m.—"Nymphs and Shepherds"—A Pastoral Scene.

3.00 p.m.—London Relay: World News.

3.10 p.m.—London Relay: Home News from Britain.

3.15 p.m.—"I Bring You Music".

3.15 p.m.—Musical Requests Programme presented by Marion Glover.

3.15 p.m.—B.B.C. Transcription Service: "The Brains Trust".

10.00 p.m.—London Relay: News.

10.10 p.m.—Weather Report.

10.11 p.m.—Recital by Svetlana Rachmaninoff (Piano) and Fritz Kreisler.

10.30 p.m.—"Tunes" of Nat-So-Long Ago (For Dancing).

11.00 p.m.—Close Down.

No Wisdom

To Shek maintained that as a farmer and a peasant, he did not possess the wisdom to intelligently question first accused regarding the wound received.

Wong Lai, third accused, said that she was the principal tenant of 57 Wing Lok Street.

First accused was her sweetheart and had been living with her about a year. He visited her once a week or once in every ten days. He told her he was a travelling trader.

Some time in June, he brought a box to her house and placed it under the stairway.

When she asked him for expenses, he told her there was \$200 inside the box. She did not know if there was anything else in the box.

She last saw first accused about a fortnight before the visit of the police to her house.

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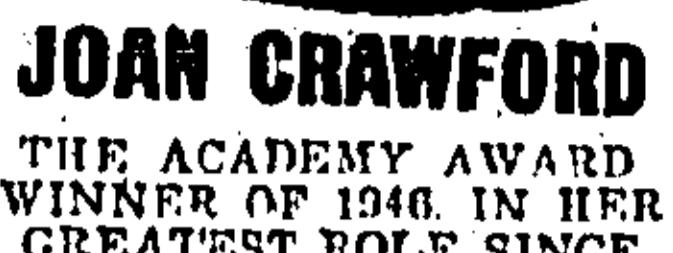
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DEATH

LANDAU.—At the Queen Mary Hospital, on Tuesday, 29th August, 1947, at 10.45 a.m., Anton Landau, late proprietor of Jimmy's Kitchen, aged 77 years. Shanghai and Singapore papers please copy.

NO ALARM

It is noteworthy that there has been little sympathy in Britain with the vigorous protests against the new 75 per cent. tax on Hollywood's profits from the British Isles. No time was lost by the cinema-owners in associating themselves with the American film-producers' complaints against the tax. Exhibitors could not grieve unduly over a financial loss which simply affected their foreign suppliers;

but the American film industry has threatened to counter the move of the British Treasury by ceasing to supply new films at all. The output of British films being limited by paucity of studios, the cinemas would then in a few months be reduced largely to re-issues of old films.

fish and foreign. That picture-houses would suffice and a proportion have to close their doors is obvious. But, it is agreed by those outside the industry, this in itself is no conclusive argument against stamping.

Because of war urgency these factors and plants that remained had received little maintenance since 1941. The supply houses of Manchuria, Korea and Formosa had been lost by the terms of the Potsdam Declaration.

There was no international trade upon which industry might hope to revive. Nor were there any foreign credits to rebuild the shattered plants. And, finally,

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Helpless Inertia

A combination of circumstances by the end of the war had reduced Japanese industry to a state of helpless inertia. All civilian production had been discontinued to meet the needs of the armed forces; Superfortress raids had destroyed nearly all of Japan's famous "backyard" factories, had blasted the economic triangle, Tokyo-Nagoya-Osaka, into a vast junk heap. Because of war urgency these factories and plants that remained had received little maintenance since 1941. The supply houses of Manchuria, Korea and Formosa had been lost by the terms of the Potsdam Declaration.

By foreign credits they mean dollars—and already the occupation has cost the United States a fabulous sum. Even blackmarketeering by American troops is estimated to have involved the United States Treasury in a loss of some \$60,000,000.

Also the United States Congress may not feel over enthusiastic at the prospect of financing a former enemy when many Allies are still in distress.

It is to be concerned over the difficulties of American film exporters and British film importers that over the hardships of those in both countries who trade in other commodities, there is equally no cause for wishing the film trade to suffer unduly. The step originally proposed by film interests to stop the dollar drain was a freezing of a proportion of Hollywood's profits, which would postpone dollar payments instead of reducing them outright. This solution, however, was debarred by a clause in the loan agreement, and the Cabinet, in this instance as in so many others, tried to meet an emergency at the last possible moment by inevitably crude means.

The fresh negotiations for which the Cinematograph Exhibitors' Association ask have doubtless been undertaken as a part of the much wider and more important financial talks which the British and American Governments have just completed in Washington and apparently with satisfaction to Sir Willard Eady. The typically British view is that until the results are known there is no need to take too tragically the possibility that fewer and less extravagant Hollywood producers would be seen in Britain, or, even that the Exchequer may lose part of its entertainment tax.

Largely Front

All this is largely front, of course. The houses and shops are "slimy shanties. The whole

façade of recovery is largely

the stalls along the Ginza (Tokyo's broad main street) are filled with watches, cameras, china, toys. But nearly all of it is gimmerack, the stuff

that no country today can afford to buy. And with the development of synthetics the bottom is fast dropping out of the silk market.

attention. America, the journal insists, should be warned that every time something more is subtracted from British willingness to offer genuine cooperation in building the sort of world Americans want. They should realize that the British Government has made very great efforts and has been willing to run great risks in agreeing with American conceptions of international economic policy. The risks of convertibility have proved all too real. Non-discrimination, if it is applied in the months to come, will be the means of starving the British people. Yet even now at Geneva, British representatives are in the process of committing Britain, through the Charter of International Trade Organisation, to sweeping general principles, which however excellent in theory are likely to prove in practice equally dangerous. No Government could have put more of its own interests in pawn to pledge its good will; no other Government has tried to make a similar effort.

"Yet those who would search in Washington for the credit that Britain has earned thereby would need the patience of Diogenes."

Inflation In Japan Gets Worse From Day to Day

By Denis Warner

Japan is governed today by a coalition of three parties, the Social Democrats, People's Co-Operatives and Democrats, led by Shigeru Yoshida, former postwar Prime Minister, and Foreign Minister, whose diplomatic training, manner and polish is in marked contrast to the nervous shyness of his leader.

In opposition, pouncing on the Government's difficulties and errors is the Liberal Party (Conservative), with Shigeru Yoshida a former postwar Prime Minister, as its leader. For the moment the Liberals are content to watch the hapless coalition ploughing into a maelstrom of economic difficulties.

Any attempt to usurp power before the peace treaty would be a cardinal error. The Liberals know they are regarded as the "old guard," that responsibility in these difficult days would be disadvantageous to their own cause in Japan and worse, internationally inexpedient.

No one could envy Katayama his position. Almost without previous political experience, certainly without administrative knowledge and background, he has an economic ermine to his hands incomparably worse than that now confronting the British Labour Government.

Inflation becomes worse from day to day. The Zaibatsu, the old capitalist clique, whose wealth was spread by directive of General MacArthur, has virtually vanished from the industrial scene. Its place has been taken by the new millionaires, whose source of income is the movie, theatre, strip tease show, taxi dance hall and beer garden and contracting rackets.

And by the blackmarketeers who control the rice and wheat and fish and salt in a land straining off starvation only because of the altruism of the United States.

The Japanese claim that recovery will be impossible without foreign credits and the relaxation of some of the terms of the Potsdam Declaration.

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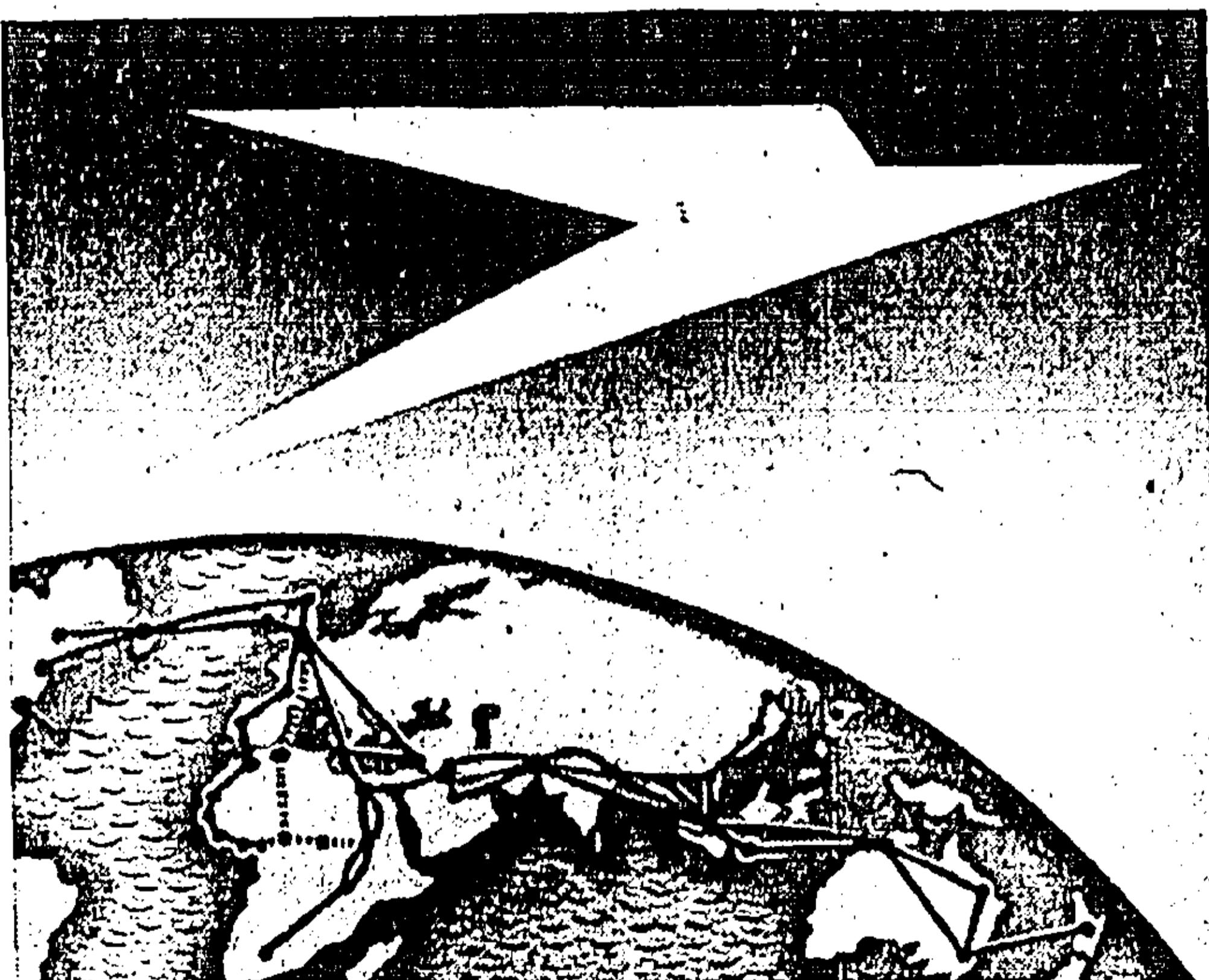


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BRITAIN'S TERMS OF PEACE FOR JAPAN

BRITAIN FACES FOOD RATION CUTS

London, Aug. 25. The process of the Food Minister, Mr. John Strachey, not officially a member of the Cabinet, confirmed that today's emergency Cabinet meeting must have dealt with cuts in American food imports and the reduction in food rations that inevitably must follow.

Mr. Strachey was expected to lay before the Cabinet detailed plans for import cuts and the possibility of finding alternative markets.

Mr. Attlee announced only this month in the Commons that the Government intended to slash food imports from the United States and other dollar countries by US\$48,000,000 or 40 per cent, to save dollars.

Since then, however, the American loan has been frozen and Government sources have conceded that an even greater reduction must be made. Predictions ranged as high as 75 per cent. —United Press.

SOVIET MAKES SUGGESTION

Moscow, Aug. 25. Britain should solve her crisis by improving her economic ties with the Soviet Union and the East European countries, the Soviet "New Times," quoted by a Moscow Radio English language broadcast, declared today.

"The policy chosen by America expansion will be pressed still more vigorously in connection with Britain's economic difficulties," the paper wrote.

"Britain is now faced with the same problem which faced her two years ago—either to sell herself into servitude to American capital, or to make an abrupt right-about-face and improve her economic ties with the rest of the world, including the East European countries and the Soviet Union."—Reuter.

Britain wanted Japan stripped of her Empire and restricted to her home islands, but did not want a pauperised Japan which would be a constant drain on other peoples through her inability to maintain herself economically.

Lord Addison, Secretary of State for Commonwealth Relations, expressed these views on the eve of the Commonwealth treaty on the Japanese peace treaty at which the new Dominions of India and Pakistan are represented—India by Sir B. Ramauro, political representative in Japan, and Mr. K. L. Panjab, and Pakistan by Mr. Muzra Raffi and Brigadier Sher Ali Khan.

Other points made by Lord Addison were:

Britain has no intention of surrendering or jeopardising any of her proper interests in the Pacific in order to concentrate her attention. "We have great interests in the Pacific, the Malayan Peninsula, Singapore and Hong Kong, and immense shipping interests as well." If Britain had promised that Russia would receive the Kuriles and South Sakhalin under the secret clauses in the Yalta Agreement (an interpretation on which he did not necessarily accept), Britain would honour the promises.

Consequently, the main controversial issues with which the Canberra delegates expect to be faced are:

1. Reparations problems.

2. The linked question of the level and scope of Japanese industrial output.

3. The development of Japanese trade in which connection the preferential treatment accorded by General MacArthur to United States commercial interests may come in for criticism.—Reuter.

Decision Still Closely Guarded Secret

London, Aug. 25. One of the greatest decisions in economic and financial history, the United States answer to the requested suspension of the non-discrimination clause of the Anglo-American loan, still remained a closely guarded secret today.

Only a hint was given by Sir Wilfrid Eady, the man who led the negotiations which may determine the fate of Britain as a world power, after his plane landed at Shannon airport.

"The object of my visit to the United States has been obtained," he said.

The discussions on the clause were "very valuable" and problems were handled "with the greatest possible measure of goodwill and understanding."

Sir Wilfrid was believed to have been summoned to an emergency meeting of the Cabinet tonight after it had been in session more than three hours.

Sir Wilfrid, who flew the Atlantic last night, had told reporters that he would report to the Cabinet tomorrow on the United States reply.

His reported arrival at No. 10, Downing Street, while the meeting was in progress, was presumably for the purpose of presenting his report to the Ministers.

It was later stated that first reports were not borne out, and that Sir Wilfrid visited the Treasury next door.

When the Cabinet reviews in detail the results of the Washington talks, it will be known whether its plans may include buying from countries other than, as the clause allows, in proportion to imports from the United States.

If the clause must be adhered to, Britain's purchases of vital food and raw materials must be scaled down proportionately.

With the bulk of the loan used and the remainder frozen, imports must now be at the level of exports.

London Hints

The Cabinet rose without issuing any formal statement on the United States reply to the requested suspension.

However, most commentators believe the United States has agreed to overlook any infringement and Britain has been set free to trade in the soft currency areas.

It is understood that the Cabinet has made several decisions on the austerity plan, which will not be made public until a single press release is

Shanghai Nazis Going Home

Canberra, Aug. 25.

Nearly 200 German Nazis and pro-Nazis hauled their luggage today to the Customs Jetty on the Whampoa river to board the United States army transport General Black for their return to Germany.

She will sail as soon as German repatriates from other China cities, including Peking, Tientsin and Tsingtao arrive in Shanghai.

The Shanghai Germans slated for repatriation—the third from China since the end of the war—were ordered to report for embarkation not later than noon on August 27.

Thirty-one were flown to Shanghai from Peking in two American planes yesterday and another group is scheduled to follow in a few days.

More than 40 families were rounded up in Tsingtao and will be sent to Shanghai aboard a United States naval transport. Several hundred Germans will be allowed to remain behind.

Repatriates are allowed 350 pounds of baggage and US\$100 each.—Associated Press.



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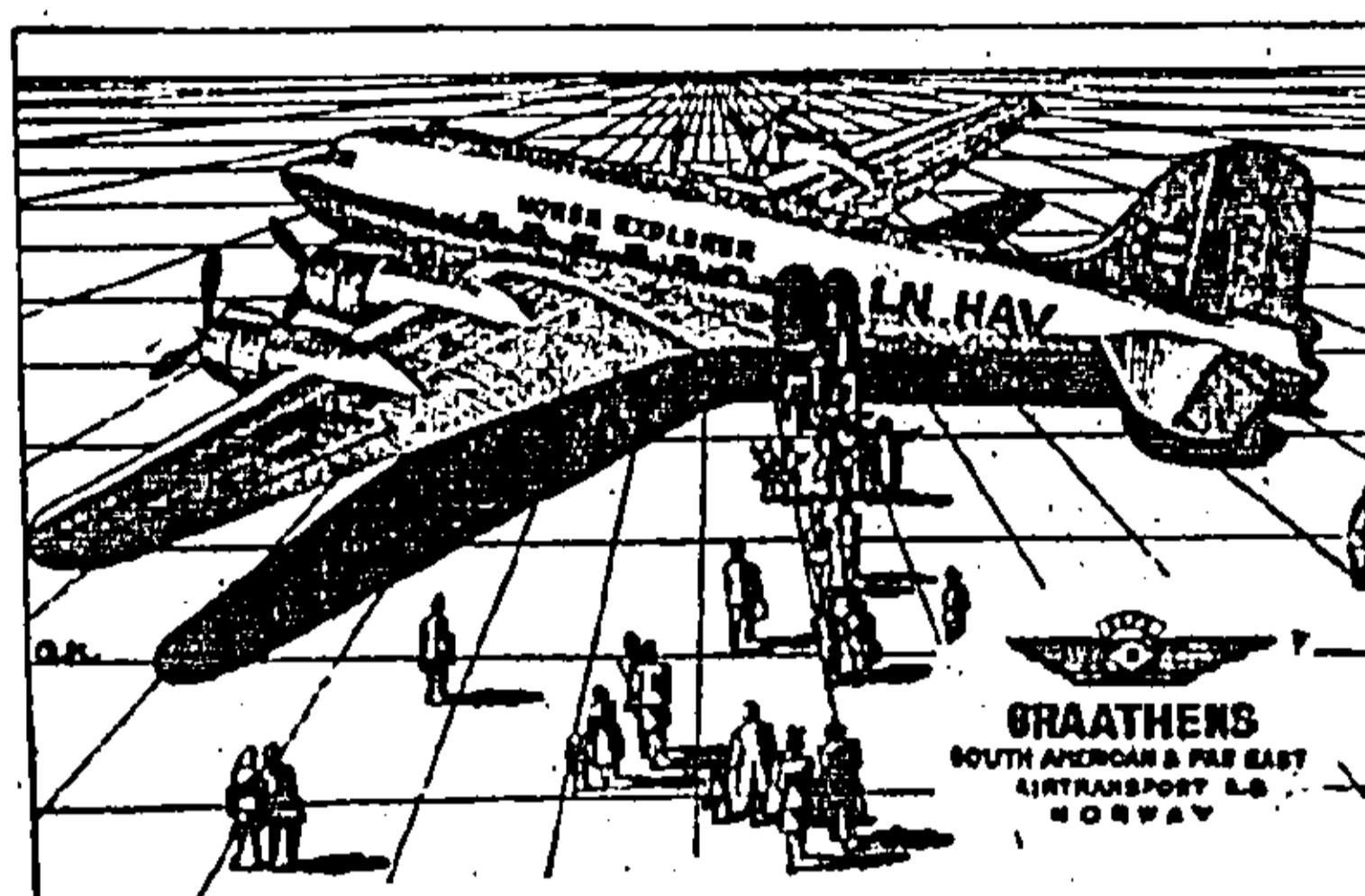
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MIDDLESEX IS ON THE ROAD TO VICTORY

London, Aug. 25.

Middlesex are well on the road to victory in their match against Surrey at Lord's, but Gloucestershire, their rivals at the top of the cricket County Championship table are not doing so well against Hampshire at Bournemouth.

Ian Bedford, a 17-year-old schoolboy who made his debut for Middlesex in first-class cricket recently, completely tied up experienced batsmen with his leg-breaks and googlies, and took five wickets for 53 runs, forcing Surrey to follow on.

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In reply to Essex's first innings total of 380, the tourists scored 400, and at close of play Essex had scored 20 for no loss in their second innings.

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County Scores

Close of play scores in the County matches today were:

At Northampton -- Yorkshire beat Northampton by 351 runs, Yorkshire 289 and 331 (Lester 142, Wardle 51); Northamptonshire 116 (Baron 63); Aspinall, right arm fast, 8 for 42) and 114 (Broderick not out 50); Aspinall 6 for 23).

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Lawn Bowls Championship).

Test Team Chosen For W.I. Tour

London, Aug. 25.

The MCC (Marylebone Cricket Club) have issued invitations to cricketers to join the team to tour the West Indies next winter. The following have been invited:

G.O. Allen (Middlesex), captain;

Ken Cranston (Lancashire); Bill Edrich (Middlesex); S.C. Griffiths (Sussex); T.E. Bailey (Essex); J. Robertson (Middlesex); H.J. Butler (Nottinghamshire); W. Place (Lancashire); R. Howorth (Worcestershire); G. Smithson (Yorkshire); D. Brookes (Northamptonshire); and J.T. Ikin (Lancashire).

Allen, Cranston, Edrich, Griffiths and Bailey are amateurs. The party as at present constituted is a blend of experience and youth.

Allen, at 45, is considered

New Air Speed Record

Muroc, Calif., Aug. 20. The Navy sent its Douglas Skyraider (flying over a three-kilometre course on Monday at a speed believed to be approximately 650 miles per hour). Associated Press.

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BOWLS RESULTS

J. Chubb beat S.M. Rumbin by 21-20 after 25 heads in the second round of the Sing Tao Championships at the K.R.C.C. this evening.

Scores were even on two occasions and the match was very close and exciting.

Rumjahn lead 20-17 on the

23rd head.

Playing on the same green, A.F. Noronha & J.B. Noronha beat L.C.R. Souza & B.W. Bradbury by 21-16, in the second round of the Open Pairs Championship.

At the K.C.C. E.M. Remedios & E. Souza beat M.L. Razack & A.J. Coelho by 20-14.

On the same green, J. Orem & J.C. Aitken beat E.C. Fincher & J.S. Landolt by 21-15.

Both the above matches are the second round of the Open Pairs Championship.

Central News.

OPEN PAIRS

Playing at Cox's Path yesterday, J. Orem and J. Aitken defeated E.C. Fincher and J. S. Landolt by 21 shots to 16 in the Second Round of the Open Pairs Lawn Bowl Championship.

New Head For Training Ground Of Kuomintang

Nanking, August 26.

After holding the Presidency of the National Central Political University--training ground of hundreds of Kuomintang officials--for more than 20 years, Generalissimo Chiang Kai-shek resigned today.

The Executive Yuan approved the resignation and confirmed the appointment of Ku Yu-siu, at present Shanghai Commissioner of Education, as his successor.

Informants said the Generalissimo's action resulted from a desire to rationalise the University, which formerly was financed by the Kuomintang. Associated Press.

Boxing May Boom Again

An endeavour is being made to revive interest in boxing in Hong Kong, and it is hoped that it will be possible to arrange a tournament in late September or early October.

At one time, under the now defunct Hong Kong Boxing Association, the sport was highly popular in the Colony. Old followers of the game still discuss bouts staged in the days of Chadwick, Jock Creighton, Ewin, Stoker Morris, Dunn and--most consistently brilliant of them all--Jimmy Cartledge.

Following the break-up of the H.K.B.A. for reasons which were never acceptably disclosed, nothing more imposing has been attempted than intra-Services competitions.

A movement to get the sport on its feet again is now under way.

There is also a move to obtain some of the noted contenders in the Philippines to get the project off to a good start.

Members of the Services, who have won themselves a boxing reputation in their units or branch of the Services, are invited to get into touch with Mr. J. Rainey, c/o "China Mail."

NAVY PUTS ON GOOD SAILING SHOW

With many of their racing stalwarts away, the Royal Navy put up a good fight in the team Sailing race against the R.N.K.Y.C. last Sunday morning, and just lost to the Club by 3 points -- the result being Club 67 points, Navy 64 points. A return match between these two teams will be held next Sunday morning.

By winning the dinghy race on Sunday afternoon after a long struggle against Honess, Chidell secures first place in the third Helmsman series in dinghies. This was the final race in this series.

Saturday's Races

STAR

The second in the Helmsman series was held on Saturday afternoon. Lt. Brooks, R.N., had the luck when he was well in the lead in his boat and had given up in the race. Comic relief was provided by Hancock and Brown in "Deneb" when as a result of a complicated manoeuvre designed to borrow a box of matches from another sailing craft Brown was tipped overboard together with the box of matches. Result: --

Saturday Afternoon, August 23

Star 2nd Race in 3rd Helmsman's Series

1st. Atair (Bodgwick) Chidell, Queen-Gardiner

2nd. Honess (Wilmott) Chidell, Queen-Gardiner

3rd. Hancock (Wilmott) Chidell, Queen-Gardiner

4th. Denby (Hancock) Brown

5th. Alioth (Harris) Hancock

6th. Tandy (Brookes) Hancock

7th. Helmsman (Wilmott) Chidell, Queen-Gardiner

8th. Honess (Wilmott) Chidell, Queen-Gardiner

9th. Hancock (Wilmott) Chidell, Queen-Gardiner

10th. Denby (Hancock) Brown

11th. Alioth (Harris) Hancock

12th. Tandy (Brookes) Hancock

13th. Helmsman (Wilmott) Chidell, Queen-Gardiner

14th. Honess (Wilmott) Chidell, Queen-Gardiner

15th. Hancock (Wilmott) Chidell, Queen-Gardiner

16th. Denby (Hancock) Brown

17th. Alioth (Harris) Hancock

18th. Tandy (Brookes) Hancock

19th. Helmsman (Wilmott) Chidell, Queen-Gardiner

20th. Honess (Wilmott) Chidell, Queen-Gardiner

21st. Hancock (Wilmott) Chidell, Queen-Gardiner

22nd. Denby (Hancock) Brown

23rd. Alioth (Harris) Hancock

24th. Tandy (Brookes) Hancock

25th. Helmsman (Wilmott) Chidell, Queen-Gardiner

26th. Honess (Wilmott) Chidell, Queen-Gardiner

27th. Hancock (Wilmott) Chidell, Queen-Gardiner

28th. Denby (Hancock) Brown

29th. Alioth (Harris) Hancock

30th. Tandy (Brookes) Hancock

31st. Helmsman (Wilmott) Chidell, Queen-Gardiner

32nd. Honess (Wilmott) Chidell, Queen-Gardiner

33rd. Hancock (Wilmott) Chidell, Queen-Gardiner

34th. Denby (Hancock) Brown

35th. Alioth (Harris) Hancock

36th. Tandy (Brookes) Hancock

37th. Helmsman (Wilmott) Chidell, Queen-Gardiner

38th. Honess (Wilmott) Chidell, Queen-Gardiner

39th. Hancock (Wilmott) Chidell, Queen-Gardiner

40th. Denby (Hancock) Brown

41st. Alioth (Harris) Hancock

42nd. Tandy (Brookes) Hancock

43rd. Helmsman (Wilmott) Chidell, Queen-Gardiner

44th. Honess (Wilmott) Chidell, Queen-Gardiner

45th. Hancock (Wilmott) Chidell, Queen-Gardiner

46th. Denby (Hancock) Brown

47th. Alioth (Harris) Hancock

48th. Tandy (Brookes) Hancock

49th. Helmsman (Wilmott) Chidell, Queen-Gardiner

50th. Honess (Wilmott) Chidell, Queen-Gardiner

51st. Hancock (Wilmott) Chidell, Queen-Gardiner